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Regulatory Alert

COVID-19 HOS Waiver to Fuel Marketers Extended

An hour ago, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) extended its COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency and expanded it to include commercial fuel deliveries, effective [September 1 through November 30, 2021](#).

Click [here](#) to read the notice.

Yesterday, the EMA, along with NACS, NATSO and SIGMA sent a letter to the FMCSA urging it to incorporate fuel marketers into the nationwide COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. Given the impact Hurricane Ida has had on the Southeast, coupled with the current nationwide truck driver shortage, the updated FMCSA emergency declaration will provide much needed hours of service (HOS) flexibility.

Hurricane Ida forced the temporary closure of at least six refineries in the New Orleans area Sunday, while three other refineries in the area appeared to be operating at reduced capacity, an oil industry consulting firm said. Nearly 75% of the state's refining capacity was still offline as of Monday as refiners began assessing damage to plants and surrounding infrastructure. Meanwhile, Colonial pipeline reopened Lines 1 and 2 running from Houston to Greensboro, North Carolina and are now operating at normal capacity. Lines 3 and 4 running from Greensboro to Linden, NJ remained open during the hurricane.

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